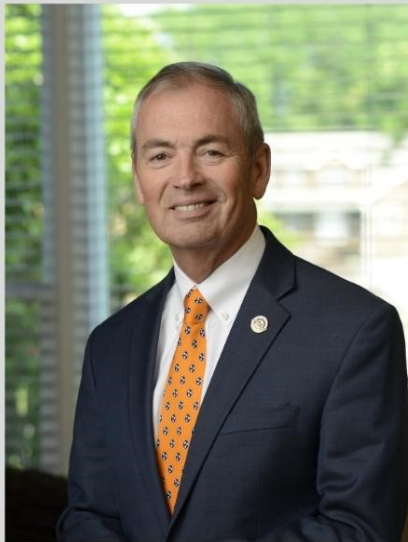




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THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto
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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

Autumn is in the air. The leaves are changing colors, the evenings are turning crisp...and Wilson County's 222nd Birthday is just around the corner!

Our county was officially founded on October 26, 1799 by an act of the Third General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. Wilson County, which is made up of more than 570 square miles of land, was originally named after David Wilson, a Revolutionary War veteran and member of the Territorial Assembly and Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1794. Since that time, Wilson County's population has increased to nearly 150,000. We are known for being #1 in Century Farms, for our locally owned businesses, and for the countless people who live to serve our community.

Recently, six Wilson Countians were inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame - a wonderful achievement and a great honor! You'll read more about the inductees later in this newsletter, so for now I'd just like to say "congratulations" to all the 2021 Agricultural Hall of Fame inductees and their families!

With all that said, there's a reason why I am proud to call Wilson County my home, and I'm not the only one. After all, our county is called "the Place to Be"!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randall Hutto".

Commissioner Spotlight: Kenny Reich District 6



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Wilson County LANDFILL

MONDAY-FRIDAY
7:00AM-3:00PM

SATURDAYS
8:00AM-NOON

ALL LOADS MUST BE CHECKED INTO THE
SCALE HOUSE BY 2:30 P.M.

PLEASE DIRECT QUESTIONS
TO 615.449.6684



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HomeSafe, Inc. would be honored to have
you attend the 2021 Nat'l Domestic Violence
Awareness Event on October 5th at 5:15PM.

Wilson County Courthouse Steps
228 E. Main Street
Lebanon, TN 37087

Please join us in demonstrating to our
community that we are all committed to
ending this public health crisis. We look
forward to seeing you there!

a message from the Staff of HomeSafe of Sumner,
Wilson & Robertson Counties

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINE: 615-452-4315
ESPAÑOL: 615-969-3260 | SEXUAL ASSAULT: 615-454-0373

FLAG FLOWN TO HONOR VETERAN AND HIS FAMILY

The flag flew at half-staff at the Wilson County Courthouse on the morning October 1st in honor of Lebanon-born veteran, Mr. Zeb Lee Vance, who passed away one year ago.

Zeb Lee Vance was born in Lebanon, Tennessee, as the second of seven children. His family later moved to Virginia, where he graduated from Amelia County High School in 1954. Zeb attended Virginia Tech for two years, participating in the VPI Corps of Cadets. Zeb then served as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division. He was eventually honorably discharged and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in Chemistry at the Richmond Professional Institute in 1967. He enjoyed a long and productive career as a valued scientist in research and development in the aluminum, plastics, and rubber industries, from which he retired in 2003. He and his wife, Shirley, later retired to Mount Dora, where she still resides.

Zeb was a devoted husband and father and spent much of his time during retirement keeping track of his beloved family. After Zeb's passing, his son, Doug, asked that we fly this particular flag in his father's memory. Doug traveled his way to Lebanon to bring the flag to Mayor Hutto's Office, where the staff kept it in safe keeping until it was time to be flown.

The family's American flag (pictured below) was flown on the anniversary of Mr. Vance's passing in honor of his service to our county. To Mr. Vance's family and to all of our military families, we thank you for your service!



September's unofficial

Holidays

October 2

World Farm Animals Day

October 4

National Golf Day

October 12

National Farmer's Day

October 15

Boss's Day

October 28

National First
Responders Day

Domestic Violence
Awareness Month



Breast Cancer
Awareness Month

National Diabetes Month

WILSON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

submitted

Albert H. Goodall

Albert Harrison Goodall was in the Tuckers Crossroads community on December 24th, 1897 to William Hardin Goodall and Bell Carson Goodall. He was a member of Bethlehem Church of Christ all his life. Albert started his farming operation raising hogs, sheep, and cattle. Later he implemented a grade B dairy operation. He became a member in the American Angus Association in 1944, then began showing registered Angus cattle on the local, state, and national levels. On November 21, 1949 Albert was one of a group of farmers that had a dream to organize a farm supply store where farmers could pool their purchases for a better selection and more affordable prices. At the time money was hard to come by, but Albert being one of the visionary farmers who seeing the obvious need went door to door selling Co-op membership for \$1.00 each. He severed on the first Board of Directors for the Wilson Farmers Cooperative along with eleven other farmers who had the same vision. He was elected in 1954 to serve on the Quarterly Court now known as the Wilson County Commission representing the Tuckers Crossroads area. With losing his father so early in life he learned the importance of being helped and helping others. This life lesson and passion for helping people, especially farmers, served him well in the position of manager of the local Production Credit Association. There he was able to loan money to farmers who might not be able to borrow from traditional lending institutions. He served the community in that capacity for 21 years helping farmers with their farm credit needs.



Photo courtesy of Lounita Howard



Roy & Diane Major

Roy Wilson and Diane Rhodes Major were both born in 1953 and were married in 1976. They met during their last semester at MTSU. Roy was raised in the Norene community. Roy's parents Will Allen and Sammie Bradshaw Major and brothers Allen and Dan milked cows and raised tobacco on their Century Farm. Tobacco crops, custom work and Wilson Farmers Coop helped Roy earn his degree in ag business and education. And even though he was offered a teaching job at Lebanon, he stayed on the farm. Diane, however, was raised in a subdivision in Murfreesboro with roots in the Twelve Corner Community. She graduated with a degree in secondary education with plans for teaching and coaching but decided that this farming occupation was worth a try. They rented the Robert Rose homeplace from Mr. Bob Donnell in the Doaks Crossroads Community. Three years later, they purchased the farm. Roy began milking Grade B in a side shed of the old barn and in 1985 a new Grade A facility was built. Roy served as a State FFA officer & Noble Ruler of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He currently serves on the Wilson County Planning Commission, Tennessee Dairy Producers Association Board, Tennessee Dairy Promotion Board and is a Farm Bureau member. He has been honored as the Wilson County Conservation Farmer of the Year. Diane raised all the baby calves, set tobacco, drove trucks/tractors, coached baseball teams, and coached the 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl. Her Dairy Judging teams qualified for national contests. Currently you can find Diane at the Wilson County Soil Conservation Office always listening to stories about the history of Wilson County agriculture. She is a long-time member of the Livestock Committee for the Wilson County Fair, Treasurer of the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame and the Hale Moss Memorial Scholarship, and the coordinator of the 19-year Farm Days for all second graders in Wilson County. Major Dairy now includes 650 acres that are owned or operated with 240 milk cows.



Photo courtesy of Keith Harrison's Facebook Page

Henry & Paula Oldfield

Henry Odell Oldfield, the oldest of six children, was born in the Watkins Community of Van Zandt County, Texas. He was raised there on a tenant farm that was later gifted to his father. Henry was educated in the Wise community near Canton, Texas. In 1941 he enlisted in the US Coast Guard, serving five years. Paula Evelyn Groom was the middle daughter of six children. She spent her childhood in Liberty, Tennessee, before the Groom family moved to Watertown when she was a freshman. Paula graduated from Watertown High School in 1941 at the age of 16. In the summer of 1941 Paula moved to Canton, Texas, to live with her mother's sister in hopes of continuing her education. It was there that Paula first met the handsome, red-headed Henry Odell Oldfield. During World War II while stationed in Memphis, Henry would hitchhike to Watertown to court Paula. They were married on March 21, 1943 and made their home on Linwood Road in Watertown. He built a Grade A dairy parlor with a pipeline-pit style herringbone system that was top of the line. His dairy was visited by county agricultural students, numerous area dairy farmers, and neighbors. Henry and Paula operated the dairy for 35 years. Paula was a volunteer 4-H Leader for 20 years and was awarded the Florence Lester Memorial Leadership Award in the 1970's. Paula transported numerous 4-H participants to County and District competitions. She served as President of the American Legion Auxiliary and was active in the TXR Grange, Home Demonstration Club and Senior Citizens Club. Henry served on the Watertown Special School District Board and the Wilson County Board of Education, as well as being a Deacon and church treasurer for many years. Henry raised and educated four daughters on a farmer's salary. After the girls graduated and left home, he sold the dairy and purchased a bulldozer, starting his second career. He loved land clearing and improving the looks of his community.



Photo courtesy of Lounita Howard



Donald Rowland

Donald Gene Rowland was born January 10, 1935 in Dekalb County, Tennessee to Elmer and Berdie Rowland. When he was eleven years old, his mom and dad bought a dairy farm on Tuckers Gap Road in Lebanon. In addition to the dairy, they also raised tobacco, hay, corn, and a garden. After moving to Lebanon, he went to McClain School where he played basketball and football and he attended Lebanon High School. Donald then joined the United States Navy in November 1953. During his navy years, he served in Japan as an aviation mechanic. He served on the USS Essex and was discharged in September 1957. After returning home, Donald married Doris Cripps and worked at Otis Elevator for a short while. Soon he went back to farming on the family farm. In 1959, he bought his first new tractor, a John Deere 730 which he still uses on the farm today. Little did he know that this purchase would be the start of his long-time career. One day during hay season, he walked into Donnell Motor Company, the local John Deere dealer, needing a part for his hay baler. He was told that they only kept one of this part on hand and they had sold it the day before. The part would have to be ordered. Frustrated and on his way out the door, he mumbled a little too loud "I ought to just buy the place"!! Enoch Comer, the parts man who had just waited on Donald, followed him out the door and said, "it's for sale". So, Donald borrowed the money, rented the building and opened Rowland Implement Company in April 1963. As property around the dealership became available for sale, Donald bought it and built a new, much larger building in 1975. Also, in the early 70's Donald began buying land between Leeville Pike and Hickory Ridge Road. This farm or "the hill" as it's called grew into 230 acres. Now he raises beef cattle, hay, and a garden. In 2006 John Deere decided that it was time for him to close. He always said he wanted to work for 50 years, but that was not to be. After 43 years of hard work, employees who became family, lots of wonderful customers, and a whole lot of joy, Donald closed the doors for the last time. At 85 years old he has come full circle, he's back to farming full-time.



Photo courtesy of Lounita Howard



WILSON COUNTY CVB UNVEILS ELEVENTH MURAL IN COUNTY WIDE MURAL INITIATIVE

The Wilson County Convention and Visitors Bureau unveiled their 11th mural in the county-wide mural initiative, Paint WilCo on September 24th.

The mural was presented by The Wilson County Convention and Visitors Bureau. The mural's artist, Karlie Cunha of Wild Colors Creative Design Studio stated, "Lebanon is and has always been my home, so to have the opportunity to share some of my creativity with the community is really special to me." This was a very exciting project for Cunha, as this project entailed her largest mural painting yet.

The newly unveiled Garden Mural is located at 117 E. Main St, Lebanon, TN on the side of the building facing North College Street. Feel free to stop by and take a selfie in front of the mural!

If you would like to sponsor a #PaintWilCo mural, call the Wilson County Convention and Visitors Bureau office at 615/547-6438.

#PaintWilCo



REMINDER FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES: SURPLUS AUCTION TO BE HELD ON OCT. 29TH

HEALTH RESOURCE INTEGRATION WILSON COUNTY EMPLOYEE CLINIC

233 East Gay Street
Lebanon, TN 37087

615-453-6144

**All visits to
the clinic
require an
Appointment**

**Please bring insurance
card to all appointments**

CLINIC HOURS

Monday - Thursday
7:30-5:30
Friday 7:30-4:00
Lunch 12-12:40

SCHEDULERS HOURS

Monday-Thursday
7:30am-4:30pm
Friday 7:30am-4:00pm
Leave voicemail if scheduler is unable to
answer and your call will be returned.

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Talk to our providers.

AFTER HOURS

The Doctor's Office
Walk in Only
1430 Baddour Pkwy Suite A
Monday-Friday
8:00am-6:00pm
Saturday
10:00am-2:00pm
Call after hours
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Emergency Room for life
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FREE COMPUTER TRAINING

Office Productivity Skills Course

**Wednesday & Thursday, October
27th & 26th, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Introduction to Microsoft Word, Excel & PowerPoint
- Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Docs, Sheets, and Drive

OTHER INFORMATION:

Students must complete a basic computer assessment before attending the class. Space for this class is limited to allow for social distancing. You need to sign up in advance by calling 615-288-2389 or emailing serena.sheppard@givegw.org.

-WHERE & CONTACT INFO-

**Mt. Juliet Goodwill Career Solutions
1985 Providence Pkwy, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122**

For more information, contact our office at 615-288-2389.



Career Solutions
Our mission is changing lives.

WCTV is proud to announce D.T. McCall & Sons will once again sponsor encore presentations of the Lebanon High School's home football games produced by Blue Devil Broadcasting.

D.T. McCall & Sons will also sponsor the encore presentations of the Coaches' Night Out talk show hosted by Tommy Bryan, voice of the LHS Blue Devils.

The games will air weekends at noon and the talk show will air Thursdays at 8:30p.m. & weekends at 10:30a.m.



Upcoming Home Games:

**October 21 vs Shelbyville Central
October 8 vs Mt. Juliet
October 22 vs Gallatin**



A MAN, A CROSS, AND A CAUSE *submitted by Holly Ashley*

For three years now, on the first weekend of October, you might have seen the man carrying the cross through Wilson County. This man is Pastor David Ashley.

You might have noticed the replica of Jesus' cross has purple and black ribbons. The purple ribbons on the cross represent victims of domestic violence, and the black ribbons represent the domestic homicide victims killed in the state of Tennessee.

In 2020, Tennessee reported nearly 70,000 domestic-related offenses and 94 domestic homicides, up from 85 the previous year (TBI).

As the national spotlight shines down on domestic violence victims like Gabby Petito – it is important to note that in every community, every church, every school, and every home in Wilson County and beyond: 1 in every 3 women and 1 in 4 men have experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner (CDC). 1 in every 5 high school students report being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner (CDC), 57% of college students stated that domestic violence is “hard to identify,” even though 43% have reported violent dating behaviors and 16% have been sexually assaulted (Fifth & Pacific, et al).

Wilson county does not have a shelter for either men or women. Additionally, the resources for male victims of abuse are scarce – nationwide. In Tennessee, 28% of victims were male.

Furthermore, domestic violence is the most dangerous call for police officers to answer. Rest in peace Deputy Locke.

Cross Strength Ministries and its subsidiary, R3 (Redemption. Restoration. Recovery.) Domestic Violence Services seeks to bring awareness – and solutions to this persistent, dangerous, and deadly issue.

Pastor David Ashley, also known as “The Pastor of Pump,” Carries the Cross for Redemption” each year to raise awareness and honor the victims of domestic violence.

Pastor David Ashley and his wife Holly have a combined 50 years of experience working with men, women, families, churches, and communities that have been affected by violence.

Their ministry includes opening a discipleship training center and domestic violence shelters here in Wilson County, where they will offer their Christ-centered, Scripture-saturated, and state-certified faith and fitness programming for domestic violence victims and offender treatment programs, community education, and family faith and fitness discipleship programming.

Cross Strength Ministries also has prevention, intervention, and support services available to our brave law enforcement officials to provide domestic violence follow up services that deliver on-site and follow up assessments and evaluations, safety planning, alternative/emergency housing options, mental health, substance use/abuse resources, etc. But also to provide ongoing, time-sensitive case management to both the victim and offender that will reduce the escalation of violence that increases risk to responding officers and violence towards victims, children, and pets. But also to reduce recidivism – and most importantly, prevent domestic homicide.

The reality is that mere men, whoever they are, do not have the power or the strength to change anyone – no matter how big their biceps are. It is only through the power of the Holy Spirit and the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that a heart can be changed.

Although his undergraduate work is in exercise science, Pastor Ashley is an ordained pastor who holds a Masters in Apologetics and a Masters of Divinity and is on a mission to disciple and train men and women for Biblical manhood and womanhood- because Biblical men and women know that “True Strength is found at the foot of the cross.” And America needs more Biblical men and women.

If you or someone you know has been affected by domestic violence, you can add a ribbon in their honor to the cross. Go to www.CrossStrengthMinistries.org to purchase a ribbon. And be sure to watch for this annual event, taking place on October 2nd and 3rd in Wilson County. Please note: There is NO FEE for victims of domestic abuse who would like to be honored with a ribbon – Please email Holly T. Ashley directly at: info@CrossStrengthMinistries.org.



Mayor Hutto Proclaims Constitution Week

On September 16th, Mayor Hutto met with Mary-Margaret Farris and Judy Sullivan with the Margaret Gaston Chapter of the D.A.R. to sign a proclamation proclaiming September 17th - 23rd as Constitution Week in Wilson County. This was a great way to commemorate the 234th Anniversary of the drafting of the United States of America's Constitution on September 17th!

Pictured left to right: Judy Sullivan, Randall Hutto, Mary-Margaret Farris

Cross Strength Ministries presents the 3rd Annual:

Cross Walk for Redemption

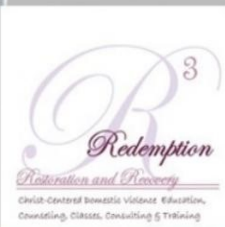
October 2nd and 3rd; Wilson County, TN

"Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth & judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor & needy." (Pr. 31:8-9).



Pastor David Ashley a/k/a: The Pastor of Pump, will, once again, "Carry the cross for redemption." Honoring victims of domestic violence by walking 50 miles through Wilson County, TN to raise awareness and support for victims.

Donate towards a ribbon at:
CrossStrengthMinistries.org



Every purple ribbon represents a VICTIM of domestic violence.

Every BLACK ribbon represents a domestic violence HOMICIDE in Tennessee



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www.mc-mealsonwheels.com/volunteer

or email: smcdaniel@mchra.com

Thank YOU for caring!

FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY WEEK (OCTOBER 3-9)

It is important to remember to:

- Install working smoke alarms inside and outside every sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Conduct family fire drills and make sure everyone living a house knows the way out of every room.



TN ACHEIVES SEEKS MENTORS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

tnAchieves is the partnering organization to the TN Promise Scholarship in 90 of the 95 counties in Tennessee. Their mission is to increase higher education opportunities for Tennessee high school students by providing last-dollar scholarships with mentor guidance. tnAchieves still needs mentors to meet student demand in Wilson County! Mentoring takes just one hour per month but makes a significant difference for local students. Information sessions will be offered next week for those interested in learning more. To register or apply, visit <https://tnachieves.org/mentors/learn/>.



**NATIONAL FARMER'S DAY
OCTOBER 12, 2021**



**NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY
OCTOBER 28, 2021**

CU COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS THE

2021 VIRTUAL CHALK ART FEST

OCTOBER 9- 23, 2021

Get your creative juices flowing
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STEP 1: REGISTER
STEP 2: PICK UP YOUR FREE CHALK
OR USE YOUR OWN (SEE GUIDELINES FOR INFO)
STEP 3: GET CREATIVE AND START DRAWING!
STEP 4: SUBMIT A PHOTO OF YOUR FINAL WORK FROM OCT. 9- 23
SEE GUIDELINES

Free chalk available! Prizes awarded!

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SIGN UP FOR YOUR COUNTY LICENSE PLATE TODAY!

The Wilson County Specialty License Plate is a great way to support Wilson County, Tennessee. Specialty license plates are now available for pre-order for Tennessee drivers. Tennessee state law requires a minimum of 1,000 pre-orders by June 30, 2022 before the plates to go into production. So, now is the time to order yours! See page 15 for details on how to register, or stop by our booth at the Taste of Wilson event on October 21st!



TN DEPT. OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES PFIZER 3RD DOSE BOOSTER AVAILABLE

The Tennessee Department of Health now offers booster doses of the COVID vaccine to certain populations. A single dose booster of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine can be administered for individuals who met these criteria:

- People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
- People aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions should receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
- People aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions may receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks, and
- People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting may receive a booster shot of PfizerBioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

More information on the CDC's recommendation for a booster dose is available online.

Local health departments across the state will be administering the booster dose. Information on appointment availability can be found at <https://covid19.tn.gov/covid-19-vaccines/availability/>. Appointments are not required. The Federal Pharmacy Partnership (FPP) for Long-Term Care (LTC) Program is facilitating on-site vaccination for residents in long-term care facilities. Additional vaccine providers offering the Pfizer vaccine can be found by visiting <http://www.vaccines.gov>. Patients do not need to prove their diagnosis or health condition to be eligible for the booster dose. The mission of the Tennessee Department of Health is to protect, promote and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee. Learn more about TDH services and programs at www.tn.gov/health.

FREE and no appointment necessary!

COVID-19 Testing & Vaccinations

provided by the Wilson County Health Department

- located at the College Hills Church of Christ, 1401 Leeville Pike, Lebanon, TN 37090
- Drive-thru COVID-19 PCR testing Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Drive-thru COVID-19 vaccines Monday - Friday 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Self-testing kits available for pick-up Monday - Friday between 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. In order to use a self-test, adults 18+ need a smartphone and e-mail address.

For more information call the Wilson County Health Department at 615/444-5325 or email www.covid19.tn.gov

TN

Lifesaving COVID-19 Treatment is Available in Tennessee

Learn about
Monoclonal Antibodies
at COVID19.TN.gov






The judges and prize will be sponsored by **Pinnacle** Financial Partners

WILSON COUNTY EMPLOYEE HALLOWEEN costume contest


FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

IN ORDER TO KEEP EVERYONE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE, PARTICIPANTS WILL REMAIN IN THEIR OFFICES AND EMAIL IN PHOTOS OF THEIR COSTUMES.

Send your photo submissions to brooke.driver@wilsoncountytg.gov by 10:30AM on October 29th



Help save lives. Give blood.




Blood Drive Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital

Red Cross Bus
1411 Baddour Parkway
Lebanon, TN 37087

**Tuesday, October 12, 2021
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: **VanderbiltWilsonCo** to schedule your appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER STARS AWARDS

We're blessed to have a community full of people who focus on giving back. If you know of a volunteer that deserves recognition for his/her efforts, nominate them for a Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

GVSA is an annual event that honors the efforts of volunteers from across Tennessee. Each year one adult and one youth are selected to receive this prestigious award in recognition of their exemplary volunteer service in the county.

The 2021 GVSA Ceremony is planned for February 13, 2022 at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin, TN. Volunteer Tennessee continues to monitor conditions and adhere to CDC and state guidelines related to COVID-19. Should the event move to a virtual format, GVSA honorees will be notified as soon as possible.

Applications are being accepted now through November 5th. For more information, contact Sara Davenport at 615/444-1383.

[Make your nomination today!](#)



Great volunteers in your community?

We want to hear about them!

Information and applications can be found [here](#)

or contact

Sara Davenport
615/444-1383

applications due
November 5, 2021

Governor's Volunteer
Stars Awards

Attention: Tennessee registrants!
Wilson County has been approved for it's own specialty license plate.

"WILSON COUNTY THE PLACE TO BE"

Specialty License Plate Information

The license plate is part of the unique identity of Wilson County and would proudly be displayed on vehicles in our county and state.



Sales to Benefit Wilson Rides, Inc.

Sales of the license plate will benefit our local non-profit Wilson Rides Inc., an organization who helps to preserve the quality of life and foster a connected community for older adults in Wilson County by providing safe transportation to local destinations.



Sign up now!

You can help make these license plates available in Wilson County by taking part in the pre-sale. **Plates will only be produced once 1,000 signatures and \$35 per plate are collected!** Plates will be mailed to the County Clerk, and you will be notified by mail by the Tennessee Department of Revenue, Vehicle Services Division when your specialty license plate is available. Usual license registrations fees apply, and your specialty plate fee of \$35 will have been pre-paid.



How to Register

To receive your specialty plates, please make a payment of *\$35 to Wilson Rides, Inc. To pay in person, drop your check off along with this form at the Wilson County Mayor's Office, 228 E. Main Street, Suite 104 in Lebanon. To register online, visit www.wilsonridesinc.org.

For more information, contact:

Gaye Lynn Wilson, Director of Wilson Rides, Inc.
gayelynn@wilsonridesinc.org
615-622-5557

Susan Shaw, Office of Wilson County Mayor
shawsu@wilsoncountyttn.gov
615-444-1383



Register here:

name

phone

email address

street address

city

zip code

county

*Please make payment of \$35 to Wilson Rides, Inc.
Mail check and registration form to Wilson Rides Inc,
1616 West Main, Suite 300, Lebanon TN 37087



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WILSON COUNTY

submitted by Cindy Rudolph

TENNESSEE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

Advocating for the residents of long-term care facilities



Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency's Long-Term Care Ombudsman program advocates for the rights of thousands of residents in nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, and homes for the aged in Wilson County and 12 additional counties in Middle TN. The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is a partner agency with the United Way of Wilson County. Ombudsman staff consists of two District Ombudsmen, an Ombudsman Assistant, and 23 trained volunteers. Trained, certified Ombudsman volunteers pay regular visits to these facilities where they spend time with residents, monitor conditions, investigate complaints, educate regarding abuse and neglect and protect residents' rights. The program offers mediation, complaint resolution, and public education for residents and their families. Covid restrictions and resulting isolation have resulted in a greater need for independent, objective observation and reporting.

The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is actively recruiting for volunteers in the Wilson County area. Volunteer applicants must pass a background check and attend a 16 hour classroom training. The next training session will be held November 17th & 18th. Those interested in assisting have until Monday, November 1 to contact the program by sending an email to cindy.rudolph@mchra.com or by calling 615-850-3918.



WHAT IS A LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN & WHO CAN USE THIS PROGRAM?

A Long-Term Care Ombudsman serves as an advocate for residents of long-term care facilities. This person is there to make sure the rights of the resident are protected. In order to do this, an LTC Ombudsman can:

- Investigate Complaints
- Solve Problems
- Provide Information
- Protect Resident Rights

Those who are eligible to use the services of a Long-Term Care Ombudsman and the program are:

- Residents of long-term care facilities
- Relatives and friends of residents
- Facility administrators and employees
- Any person or group concerned about resident treatment
- The community-at-large

AS A RESIDENT, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

- To voice complaints without fear of reprisal
- To be free of all types of abuse
- To have privacy
- To participate in social, religious and community activities
- To participate in your own care
- To make decisions
- To be treated with dignity and respect
- To be free from discrimination

WHAT CAN THE OMBUDSMAN DO FOR YOU?

- Provide free, confidential assistance to long-term care residents
- Educate long-term care staff to meet the needs and concerns of residents
- Advocate for long-term care residents
- Educate the community about the long-term care system



WHEN DO YOU NEED TO CALL THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN?

You may wish to contact the Long-Term Care Ombudsman if you need to:

- Report a problem, complaint or concern
- Seek information about long-term care facilities
- Ask questions about facility services or standards
- Ask questions about residents rights or any other matters related to a resident



**CALL YOUR DISTRICT
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